

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: Greensward Turf Farm Inventory Number: ~~G-0000~~ CH-911

Address: 10900 Berry Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Hamilton, Earl Jr et al

Tax Parcel Number: 501 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no yes Name of District:

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The three barns associated with Greensward Turf Farm located at 10900 Berry Road were constructed circa 1910. The northernmost barn is two stories in height and is covered by a side gable roof with a shed roof extension on the primary elevation (west). The barn is very open at the first story. Adjacent to this barn to the south is a one-story barn with a shed roof. This barn is clad with vertical wood siding and has six opening on the primary elevation (west). The southernmost barn is one-and-one-half stories in height and has a side gable roof. This barn is also very open, with several large openings piercing its primary elevation (west). This barn is also clad with vertical wood siding. All of the barns are covered with metal roofs.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations,

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Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Waldorf became an important interchange on the Crain Highway between the rest of Southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. and expanded in the 1920s both commercially and residentially. In 1922 in anticipation of the Crain Highway, J. Spence Howard surveyed and subdivided the village of Waldorf, which came to include such amenities as a hotel, a general store, several small shops, a two-room school, restaurants and entertainment establishments equipped with slot machines.

Built circa 1910, these barns are not eligible for the National Register. While this barn complex is an earlier example of agricultural development surrounding Waldorf, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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PRINCE GEORGES CO.

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BENJAMIN
JENKINS

153/360
49.19 A
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PAUL D.
MIDDLETON
834/257
28.75 A.
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WILLIAM J.
PURVIS
162/177
44.30 A.
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STATLY OAK CT.
MAHOGANY CT.

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DAVID C.
HAMILTON
1188/73
8.18 A.
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W. EDWARD BERRY
144/80
48.09 A.
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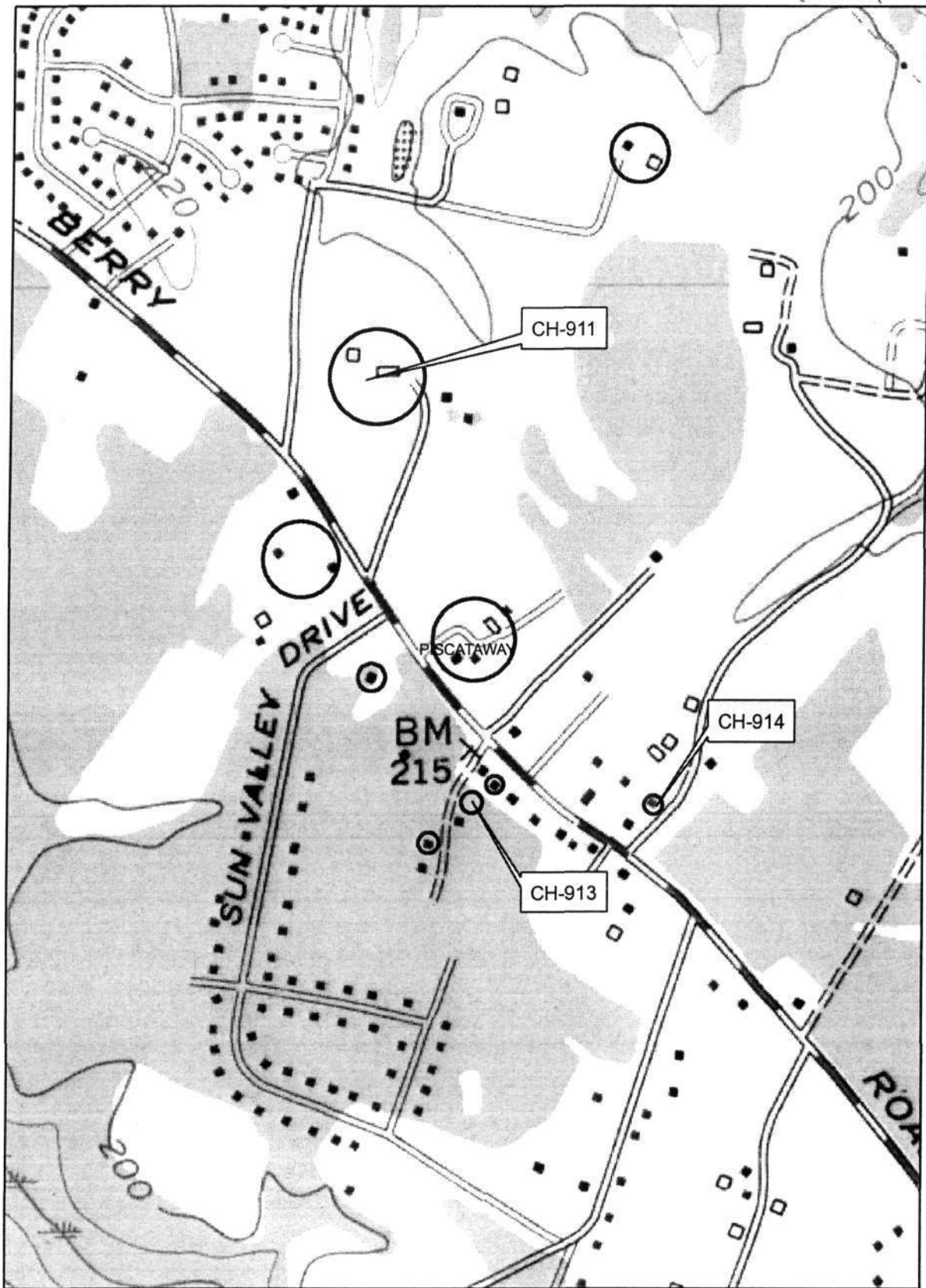
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